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Applicant(s): Liu	Group Art Unit: not assigned
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the third paragraph of page 1, starting on line 17 of page 1 and continuing to line 6 of page 2 with the following paragraph:

This application is further related to U.S. Ser. No. 09/795,373, filed February 26, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Synchronized Slotted Optical Burst Switching" to Liu, U.S. Ser. No. 09/795,375, filed February 26, 2001, entitled "Discrete Time Sequence Model for Slotted and Synchronous Switching of Optical Burst Signals" to Liu, and U.S. Ser. No. 09/795,382, filed February 26, 2001, entitled "Protocol Architecture for Transmitting IP Traffic Over a Slotted OBS Network" to Liu.